



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, 1,815 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, including 10 from the state of Idaho, and their families, friends and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Americans held prisoners of war and those still listed as missing in action have been called upon to make uncommon sacrifices, enduring unimaginable suffering under the absolute control of the enemy; and

WHEREAS, all Americans should recognize the special debt we owe to our fellow citizens who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom and selflessly sacrificed their lives so that we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty and personal safety; and

WHEREAS, our State and our Nation will not rest in our efforts to seek answers to the many questions that remain about their fate, especially those last known alive in enemy hands or whose loss can be ascertained by the records of our former enemies; and

WHEREAS, America's POW/MIAs should be honored and recognized instead of memorialized causing all Idahoans to focus on the need to account for those still missing as fully as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 16th 2005, to be

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE